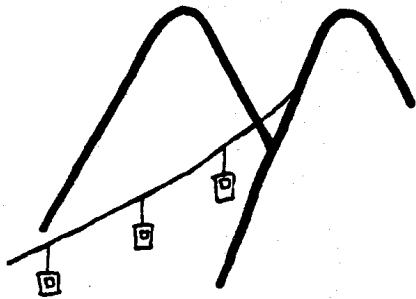
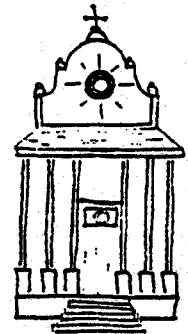


IDAHO RECREATION

"Someday, you may have an opportunity to come to Idaho. I would like to help you discover everything we have to offer. Discover Idaho's spectacular mountain ranges, over 2,000 sparkling lakes, and world famous wild and scenic rivers. Discover Idaho's historic trails. Discover the sunny, blue-skies. Discover a land of uncompromising beauty like nowhere else on earth. Why don't you come with me right now, and we will discover Idaho - the Undiscovered America....

"We are here, together, in **North Idaho**. The big waters of Pend Oreille, Coeur d'Alene and Priest Lakes are set against lush evergreen mountains. When the glaciers of the last great ice age melted, they left a wonderland of lakes, mountains, rivers and fertile valleys. As we travel along I-90, we come to an old church standing atop a low hill near the town of Cataldo. This famous mission, known as the **Mission of the Sacred Heart**, is Idaho's oldest standing building. It was built by the Coeur d'Alene Indians under the direction of Father Ravalli. Looking at the building, we notice that it was constructed without nails. Amazing!



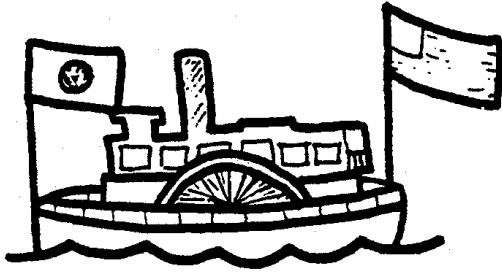
"As we continue along I-90, we come to the city of Kellogg. Here we take a ride on the world's largest gondola at Idaho's newest resort, **Silver Mountain**. Stretching 3.1 miles with a rise of 3,400 vertical feet from the base to the Mountain Haus upper terminal, the gondola transports skiers in the winter and adventurers in the summer. After the snow melts, ski trails are converted to paths for hiking and biking and a grassy meadow at the top of the mountain becomes a stage for music concerts.

"The **Coeur d'Alene Mining District** in Silver Valley is the next stop on our adventure. On our guided tour through an old abandoned mine shaft, we learn that this area is the largest silver producer in the world in terms of historic production. It was the home of many labor disputes between unionized miners the Western Federation of Miners were implicated in the assassination of Governor Frank Steunenberg, who had called in the National Guard to conduct on-site arrests of strikers. It was a volatile time.



In the city of Sandpoint, we shop on the **Cedar Street Bridge** - an exciting 350 foot arcade. Cedar Street was the nation's first marketplace on a bridge.

"Just a few miles away, we stop for a quick game of golf at the **Coeur d'Alene Resort** and try for a hole in one on the world's only floating green. You have better luck, landing yours on the green. We take a ferry out to the hole to finish our game.



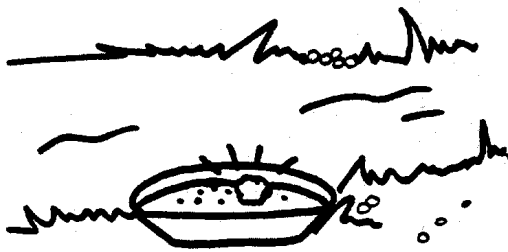
"After golf, we take a historic ride on a steamboat down the **St. Joe River**. At the turn of the century, wealthy tourists often took the train to Spokane and rode stage to Coeur d'Alene to board a steamship for the scenic cruise. The heavily wooded area on the river banks has experienced little change during the last century.

"The **Hells Canyon National Recreation Area** is just south of Lewiston. deepest gorge in North America, towering 9,300 feet above the river. Roadways lead to strategic viewpoints, but we decide to take a jet boat ride. We see wild rapids and sandy beaches down in the canyon. At the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers, we see a fishing boat bring in a steelhead trout. Looking up along the canyon walls, we find a herd of bighorn sheep grazing in the brush.



"After a long day on the river, we head down the highway to **South Western Idaho**. This is a land of infinite variety, made up of ten diverse counties. Boise, Idaho's capital city, is the hub of this thriving area. High alpine lakes contrast with sand dunes, and desert and fertile agricultural ground. From ghost towns to rivers, there is plenty here for the sights recreationist.

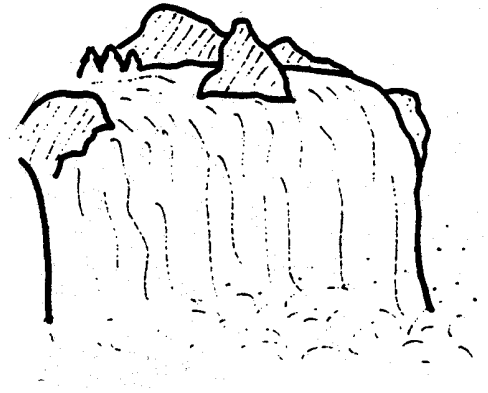
"We board the Tour Train in Boise and see the zoo, art and historical museums, historic penitentiary, Nature Center, Capitol Building and Boise State University. We relax for a while in Julia Davis Park, then float down the Boise River on tubes, rollerblade along the Greenbelt, and spend the evening in front of the stage at the outdoor amphitheater of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.



"**Idaho City** is our next stop. Once a town of over 30,000 people, it is now home to 450. Idaho City is another famous Idaho mining town, producing more gold than the entire state of Alaska. We stop for lunch in an old cafe, pick morel mushrooms in the surrounding forest, and take a self guided tour of the Boot Hill Cemetery.

"The pioneers who passed through **South Central Idaho** on the Oregon Trail between 1840 and 1860 observed the results of the catastrophic natural forces that created this area. Many saw potential in these bleak sagebrush plains for growing crops. By diverting the Snake River into canal systems, this region is now one of the richest agriculture producers in the Northwest.

"We continue our journey with sightseeing at **Shoshone Falls**. With a 212 foot drop, it is 52 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Just down the road, we stop at the **Shoshone Ice Cave** - a lava tube with cold air currents which form ice. The cave is three blocks long, 30 feet wide, 40 feet high and 90 feet beneath the surface. On a guide tour, we learn that it was the only place railroad passengers could s for a cold drink in the days before refrigeration.

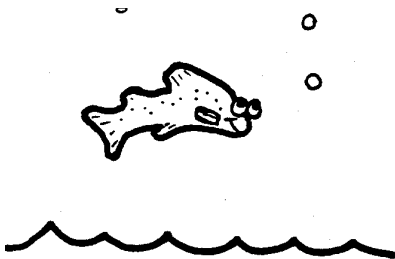


"In **Southeastern Idaho** we see evidence of pioneers who came before. The remains of trading posts indicate where travelers on the Oregon Trail were able to replenish necessary rations for the last legs of their arduous trek.

"At **Fort Hall**, we meet members of the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribe who still operate the Fort. Although it is no longer a scanty log structure, it continues to be a major stopping point for travelers. In addition to viewing a Native American dance display, we are able to walk through a full-scale replica of the original settlement created by the Hudson's Bay Company.

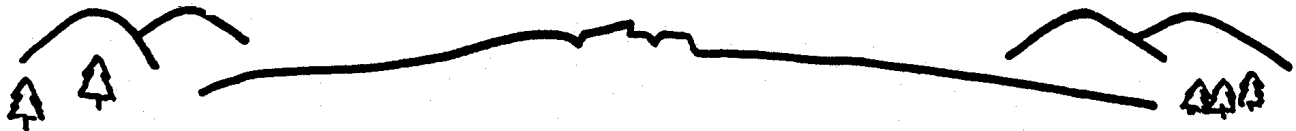
"Native Americans believed that the hot springs had a healing power. We relax in the modern health spa at **Lava Hot Springs** before continuing our journey to Eastern Idaho.

It has been referred to as the Gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Eastern Idaho is a spectacular scenic treasure. it offers the finest outdoor winter recreation anywhere, including hundreds of miles of groomed trails for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.



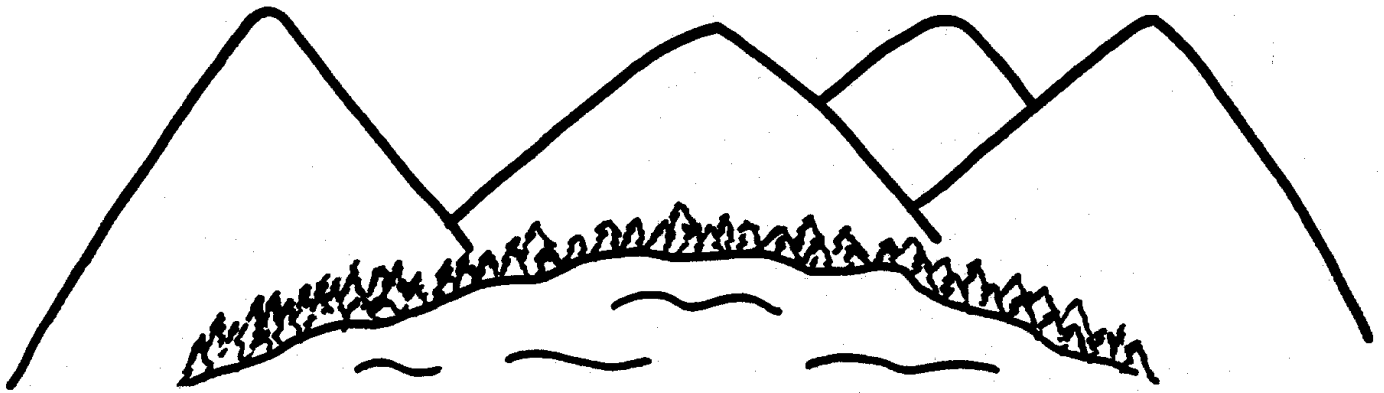
"We take the scenic drive past Ashton, stopping at **Warm River** to feed the rainbow and cutthroat trout resting in the shade beneath the bridge. **Upper and Lower Mesa Falls** are just up the road. We pull over for a spectacular view of the 114 feet and 65 feet falls. Adjacent to the falls, an abandoned lodge, which held youth dances in the early part of the century, is being renovated by a local historical organization.

"Our next stop is in **Island Park**. We troll for fish on Henry's Lake, hike in the wooded areas surrounding Max Inn, and learn the legend of a mountain that looks like an Indian Chief.



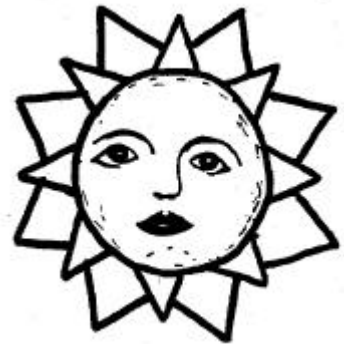
"We are off to **Central Idaho**, the last part of our tour. Famed for its spectacular mountain and wild rivers, this "heart" of Idaho is a must see. Rugged miners took more than 100 million dollars worth of gold and silver out of the Sawtooth Mountains alone.

"**Craters of the Moon National Monument** is on the road near Arco. We see terrain from the past - lava rocks resembling moonscape. This area was used for early astronaut training.



"With a 1 000 foot summit, the **Sawtooth National Recreation Area** is right up there with Idahoans. Redfish Lake is a beautiful scene for a day of fishing, water-skiing, or hiking along the shore. Trails are established throughout the forest for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. We choose to do some off-trail hiking and discover one of the forests hundreds of hidden mountain lakes. Making a fishing pole out of a hook and leader we packed, we are able to catch a couple of small trout before heading back to civilization.

"Whether we visit in summer or winter, there is always something going on at the **Sun Valley Resort**. In the winter, it features some of the finest alpine skiing in North America, reminiscent of the ski hills of Switzerland. As we stroll through the quiet little village, you spot a few movie stars. We shop in the candy store and think about seeing a show in the Opera House, but we decide to conclude our evening in Sun Valley watching an ice skating show featuring Olympic gold medalists and national favorites. Ahhhhh...



"Well, we've made the rounds. I hope you enjoyed seeing some of my favorite vacation spots. if you want to come back for a real visit, I have a list of fun days to be here on the next page."